

*Application No. 10/371,255***Remarks**

The undersigned understands that Examiner Owens has left the Office.

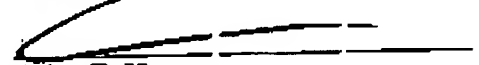
With respect to the Specification, a typographical error inadvertently was introduced in the Preliminary Amendment filed in 2004, and Examiner Owens noted same in the Office Action. This clerical error has been corrected. It is noted that the validity of the priority claim is not affected. The Application Data Sheet filed with the present application properly notes the correct serial number of the application.

Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the propriety of the double-patenting rejection in this application, and expressly do not necessarily agree with the reasoning of the Examiner and arguments as to the scope of the claims set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. Nonetheless, to obviate the double-patenting rejection, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for each patent. The present application should now be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner to whom the case is assigned have any questions, he or she is invited to call the undersigned.

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